

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., June 8, 1900.

Hon. C. H. MEBANE, *Superintendent Public Instruction,**Raleigh, N. C.*

DEAR SIR:—The ninth annual report of the Elizabeth City State Normal School is hereby submitted, upon the approval of the Local Board of Managers, for your consideration. It is hoped that the facts herein succinctly presented are sufficient to give you ideas of the character of the work done during the session, 1899-1900, and the general condition of the school.

The session began its work at 8:45 a. m., September 4, 1899, under a clear and auspicious sky that hovered over us until the school closed on June 1, 1900, a term of thirty-eight weeks.

The entire session has been prominently marked by faithful work and good results in all the classes. Our time-table regularly extends from 8:45 a. m., to 4:30 p. m., with an eighty-minute recess at mid-day. Often during the Spring term, the principal was compelled to remain in the school-room at work until 5 p. m., or afterward. The daily attendance throughout the session was the best in the history of the school. We have favorably impressed our students with the great fact that satisfactory progress does not only depend upon faithful and conscientious application to study, but also upon regular school attendance. We believe that this school is slowly, but surely and substantially, benefitting the people for whom it was established.

For the past session the following counties have representation: Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans, Currituck, Pamlico, Dare, Northampton, Bertie, Chowan, Martin, Washington, Wayne, Tyrrell, Pitt, Norfolk (Va.), Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Craven, Halifax, Gates, and Lenoir. The total number of counties is 22.

The enrollment of students is as follows: First year class, 79; second year class, 31; third year class, 34. Total number of students for the year is 144. For 1898-1899, the enrollment stands: 137 students and 18 counties. With us strictness, seasoned with thorough work, fairness, justice and pleasantness, has wrought advantageous results that are more telling each year.

Two assistant teachers were employed: Mr. Josnua R. Fleming and Miss Anna M. Brochies. They were faithful in the discharge of their duties. Another assistant, for a part of the next school session, at least, would enable the principal to make such visitations in all the rooms as would be quite helpful to the class work, the supervision of the school, and enhance the successfulness of the Institution.